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# State Opens Its Own Probe of MFY

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State troopers are gathering information on the operational procedures of Mobilization for Youth, preliminary to an independent state investigation into the scandal-tainted youth agency, State Sen. John J. Marchi (R-S.I.), chairman of the Senate committee on the affairs of New York City, disclosed yesterday.

The chairman of the watchdog committee indicated dissatisfaction with the city's own investigation, saying:

"It appears that the City Investigations Commission has concerned itself chiefly with the backgrounds of various members of MFY staff.

## "National Significance"

"While the committee would be primarily interested in possible misuse of taxpayers' money, the national significance of the city investigation cannot be overlooked.

"In this regard, perhaps former Attorney General Robert Kennedy could throw some light on the subject.

"For instance, he could say what steps he took to have the Department of Justice investigate the possible misuse of federal money and allegations of infiltration of MFY by subversive elements."

## Hackett "Out of It"

Actually, both local and federal sources now admit that the Justice Department's intervention has been limited to a routine FBI name check of 300 MFY employees. The names were submitted by City Council President Paul R. Screvane to John Malone, FBI agent

in charge here, and the feds promptly turned up 37—more than one in 10—who had, at one time or another, some leftist connections.

## The FBI submitted its findings

to David Hackett, then special assistant to the attorney general and Kennedy's liaison man in the MFY mess. Hackett handed the report on to City Investigations Commissioner Leon Fischel, and federal probing stopped right there.

When asked by THE NEWS about the FBI's pygmy involvement in the probe, Hackett, still working for his old boss in Kennedy's Senatorial bid, said: "I'm out of it." He referred all questions to the Justice Department and the FBI.

A Justice Department spokesman confirmed that "a thorough investigation was not asked for" and admitted, although enormous federal funds are involved,

there will be no further report "unless someone asks for it."

## Satisfied With Probe

As the Justice Department sunnily sized up the situation, the feds, the city and even MFY's executive board have been "cooperating closely," and none of the three has "found a more detailed inquiry necessary, at this time, to their continuing efforts."

Council President Screvane also corroborated that the FBI had been held down to the routine name check and that the other phases of the probe are strictly the baby of the City Investigations Commission in cooperation with the police.

However, despite contrary reports, he insisted that the investigation will be pushed until all the facts are in. Maybe, because of the widespread public interest, he said, an interim report will be issued soon by the city.



State Sen. Marchi  
Dissatisfied with city's inquiry